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Health Department Confirms Pertussis Case

The Moore County Health Department is currently responding to the first laboratory confirmed case of Pertussis (whooping cough) in 2012.

Because of an increase in Pertussis across North Carolina, state health officials are encouraging citizens to get a Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis) vaccine.

For a limited time, the North Carolina Immunization Program is offering free Tdap vaccines. This free Tdap vaccine will be given until supplies are depleted. The Tdap vaccine may be given to anyone seven years and older (including adults) regardless of their insurance status.

To receive a free vaccine, make an appointment with your primary care provider (you may be charged an administration fee) or call the Moore County Health Department at 947-3300.

Pertussis is a highly contagious respiratory disease characterized by severe uncontrollable episodes of coughing. Infants, young children and the elderly are at greater risk for this disease.

Symptoms of pertussis:

1. Usually appear 6-21 days (average 7-10) after exposure to an infected person.
2. Usually starts with cold symptoms (runny nose, cough) followed by episodes of severe coughing that can last 1-2 months.

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3. Vomiting may occur after coughing spells.
4. The person may look and feel healthy between coughing episodes.
5. Immunized school-age children, teenagers, and adults have milder symptoms than young children.

If you or a family member is experiencing symptoms of Pertussis, please consult your healthcare provider immediately.

For more information about pertussis please visit the Moore County Health Department website at www.moorecountync.gov/health.

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